

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY  
CAMDEN VICINAGE

JENNIFER KASILAG, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil No. 11-1083-RMB-KMW

HARTFORD INVESTMENT FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, LLC,

Defendant.

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

This Scheduling Order confirms the directives given to counsel at the Initial Scheduling Conference held pursuant to Rule 16, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on **June 28, 2013**; and the Court noting the following appearances: Arnold Lakind, Esquire, and Dan Sweetser, Esquire, appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs; and Robert Skinner, Esquire, and Anthony Sylvester, Esquire, appearing on behalf of the defendants,

IT IS this **28th** day of **June, 2013**, hereby **ORDERED**:

1. The time within which to seek amendments to the pleadings or to add new parties will expire on **June 2, 2014**.

2. Pretrial factual discovery will expire on **September 5, 2014**. All pretrial discovery shall be concluded by that date. All discovery motions and applications pursuant to L. Civ. R. 37.1(a)(1) shall be made returnable before the expiration of pretrial factual discovery.

3. **Discovery Applications**. All discovery applications pursuant to L. Civ. R. 37.1(a)(1) shall include an Affidavit or Certification that includes the information identified in L. Civ. R. 37.1(b)(1). Absent exigent circumstances, the Court expects parties to "meet and confer" in person or via telephone before making a discovery application, rather than just exchanging letters or e-mails.

4. **Depositions**. All depositions are to be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the order of Judge Gawthrop in *Hall v. Clifton Precision*, 150 F.R.D. 525 (E.D. Pa. 1993).

5. All expert reports and expert disclosures pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2) on behalf of plaintiffs shall be served upon counsel for defendant no later than **November 3, 2014**. All expert reports and expert disclosures pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2) on behalf of defendant shall be served upon counsel for plaintiffs no later than **January 5, 2015**. All rebuttal expert reports and expert disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) shall be served upon opposing counsel no later than **February 6, 2015**.

Each such report should be accompanied by the *curriculum vitae* of the proposed expert witness. No expert opinion testimony shall be admitted at trial with respect to any witness for whom this procedure has not been timely followed. Depositions of proposed expert witnesses shall be concluded by **April 3, 2015**.

For purposes of this Scheduling Order, treating physicians shall not be considered expert witnesses and shall be treated as fact witnesses who are, however, required to provide reports and records concerning their treatment. However, any doctor who is going to express an opinion as to the cause of a particular condition or as to the future prognosis of a particular condition, shall be considered an expert subject to the requirement of FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2)(B).

The parties shall also exchange, in accordance with the foregoing schedule, written statements identifying all opinion testimony counsel and the parties anticipate will be presented at trial pursuant to FED. R. EVID. 701 and *Teen-Ed v. Kimball Int'l, Inc.*, 620 F.2d 399 (3d Cir. 1980).

6. **Dispositive Motions**. Dispositive motions shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than **May 15, 2015**. Opposition to the motion should be served in a timely fashion. Counsel are to follow L. Civ. R. 7.1, 7.2, 56.1 and 78.1 (Motion Practice - Generally).

7. The Court will conduct a telephone status conference on **September 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** Counsel for plaintiff shall initiate the telephone call.

8. Any application for an extension of time beyond the deadlines set herein shall be made in writing to the undersigned and served upon all counsel prior to expiration of the period sought to be extended, and shall disclose in the application all such extensions previously obtained, the precise reasons necessitating the application showing good cause under FED. R. CIV. P. 16(b), and whether adversary counsel agree with the application. The schedule set herein will not be extended unless good cause is shown.

**THE FAILURE OF A PARTY OR ATTORNEY TO OBEY THIS ORDER MAY  
RESULT IN IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 16(f).**

s/ Karen M. Williams  
KAREN M. WILLIAMS  
United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Hon. Renée M. Bumb